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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

September 8, 2004

Title: METAL CUTTING PROCESS  
Inventor: BERTUZZI, Renato *et al*  
Assignee: National Steel Car Limited  
Filed: December 29, 2000  
Serial No: 09/752,141  
Art Unit: 3742  
Examiner: Quang T. Van

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action, made Final, of June 8, 2004 and is timely filed before the due date of September 8, 2004. No fees are due for excess claims.

Amendments to the Specification: None at this time.

Amendments to the Claims: Begin on Page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings: None at this time.

Remarks: Begin on Page 5.

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